

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of March 30, 2011 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 11, 15, 17 and 18 have been examined with the following result: claims 11, 15, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph; and claims 11, 15, 17 and 18 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Storm in view of Burkle et al.

In an effort to place this application in condition for allowance, claim 11 has been amended to delete the reference to an example, placing the example in a new dependent claim (claim 21), and further amended claim 11 to specify that each converter unit has a filter unit and that in the control room a splitter is provided in the signal line SL.

These added features are not found in the references of record

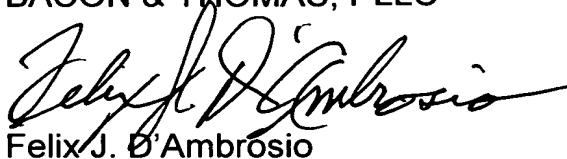
Accordingly, claim 11, as now amended, is believed to patentably distinguish the present invention over the references of record.

New REPLACEMENT SHEETS for figures 1 and 2 are being submitted herewith to identify the control room and to correct the identity of the filter unit.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and claims 11, 15, 17, 18 and 21 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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